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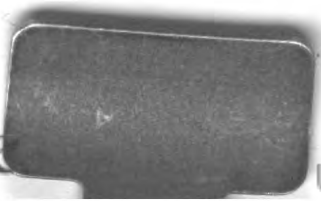
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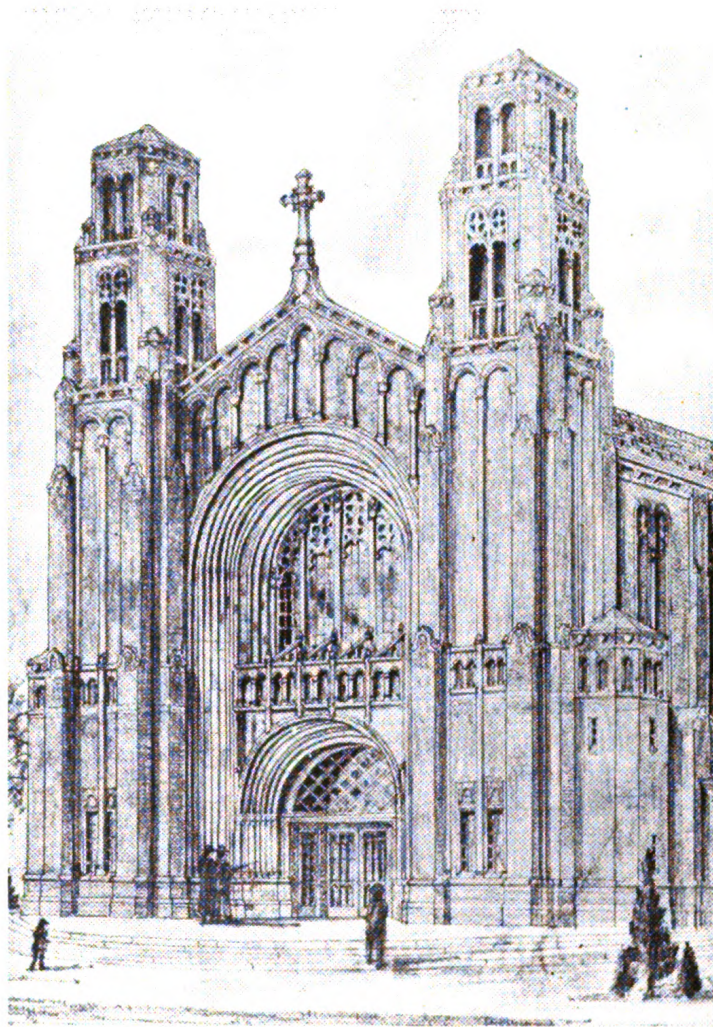
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THE HISTORY
OF
SACRED HEART PARISH

Dearborn, Michigan

1836—1937



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Sacred Heart Church. Feast of Christ, the King,
October 31, 1937



HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XI
GLORIOUSLY REIGNING

Foreword

Dear Parishioners:

In compiling this little booklet no attempt has been made to provide an exhaustive history nor have we sought to imitate the elaborate brochures published by other parishes on similar occasions. Our one purpose has been to give a running commentary, touching on the high-lights of the parish's growth and development during the past one hundred years. Naturally, emphasis has been placed upon those events which are of special interest to the parishioners of today. Much has been left out that might have been included but that was necessitated by the restrictions of space which economy forced upon us. However, we offer it, such as it is, to you, our parishioners, and with it goes a blessing. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless you and keep you always.

Today, through the instrumentality of your spiritual father, Archbishop Mooney, you have formally dedicated to Almighty God the work of these hundred years. It has been fruitful work as the devotion of the parish and the beautiful group of buildings, which constitute the material aspect, amply testifies. You can be proud of those years, those of you who gave so unselfishly of your love, labor and material resources. You have built up for yourselves a treasure in heaven. Some of you, because of the munificence of your gifts, had to be mentioned whether you wished it or not. Right order demanded it. But most of you were not mentioned. However, the names of one and all, whether you gave out of abundance or of need, are recorded indelibly in the heart of Him to Whom you gave. He will be your reward exceedingly great.

FATHER SHARPE

Feast of Christ, the King, October 31, 1937



MOST REV. EDWARD MOONEY, D.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

Introduction

In writing a history of any parish as old as Sacred Heart, Dearborn, one of the principal difficulties is finding sufficient material to enable one to give an accurate account of the beginnings and early history. Ordinarily, records are few and the thread of tradition broken. As a result, the chronicler is forced to do much research work, and even then his findings are meager and he usually passes over the period with a few well-chosen generalities. The result, necessarily, is unsatisfactory. The compiler of this parish history, however, found his task comparatively simple for Father Matthew Schaeken, who was pastor of Sacred Heart some sixty-three years ago, wrote a history of the parish up to his time. In 1874, memories were still fresh and the record that he left is a minor miracle of accurate, concise, witty historical narration. We would have liked to have printed it all but the limits of this booklet would not permit. Instead we have done the next best thing. We have condensed his narrative and made every effort to retain the quaint flavor of the original. We shall begin in the very words of Father Schaeken.

Pioneering

In the year of our Lord 1836, a few Catholics found their way to Dearborn, known principally on account of the United States Arsenal, built a few years previous to this epoch.

Among the pioneer Catholics of the community were: Edward Quirk, William Daly, Mathew Coyne, Patrick Coyne, John Reidy, Bryan Hart, John Shields, John O'Flynn, Jerry O'Sullivan, John Cronin, Thomas Magoonaugh, Pierce Griffith, M. McFall, Adam Ward, Joseph Raycraft, Frank DeMay, John Rupley, John Halpin, James Halpin, William Halpin, Patrick McDonaugh, Frank Lorrain, Henry Murphy, Michael McKenlogue, John Ryan, John Picket, Phillip Gleason, Patrick Cronin, Thomas McGloughin, John Dunn, Michael Dunn, and Peter Monaghan.

Occasionally the Right Rev. Bishop of Detroit commissioned a priest to attend to the spiritual wants of this little flock. The first mass ever celebrated here, was at the house of Mrs. Ryan, by Rev. Father O'Kavanagh, in the year 1836. A table served for altar and two bottles for candle-sticks, but notwithstanding this humble apparel, our Catholics adored Him Who, born in a stable, expired upon a cross. They knew full well that their ancestors in the faith, before entering the sumptuous cathedrals, worshiped their Maker and Redeemer in the Roman catacombs.

The home of John Reidy was converted into a chapel in 1837 and mass was celebrated by Father Cullum. The home of M. McFall was used as a chapel in 1839 and in the year following, mass was said in the home of John Cronin. During this time Father Cullum continued to attend to the spiritual wants of the Catholics of the community.

Beginning in 1840 and continuing to the erection of the first church in 1848, mass was said in the home of Matthew Coyne who, when a priest visited Dearbornville, turned his parlor into a sanctuary and his bedroom into a confessional.

Father Martin Kundig, later vicar-general of the diocese of Milwaukee, visited Dearbornville in 1842 and, being a warm advocate of temperance, induced many to take the total abstinence-pledge. He also took great pains to instruct the children in Catholic doctrines.

Father Lawrence Kilroy next came to Dearborn as a young priest and said his first mass here after his ordination by the Right Rev. Bishop Lefebvre. He was succeeded by Father Dillon, who, because of his learning and eloquence, was frequently called upon to lecture in the Dearborn public school.

As early as 1840 the few Catholic families in Dearborn set about raising a fund for the erection of a chapel or church. John Cronin made a "begging-expedition" to Detroit and was able to add to the fund on his return. He also gave of his time and the use of his oxen to haul into the village, timbers to be used in the construction of the church.

Despite these early preparations the frame of the church was not raised until 1843, on a lot donated by Captain Howard. Subsequently it was discovered that the lot was encumbered with a mortgage and the frame-work for the church was moved to a lot purchased from Matthew Coyne.

Because of lack of funds work on the church building was permitted to lag and it was not until Father John Farnam came to the small congregation in Dearborn in 1847 that construction was again started. Early records relate that "he advised, commanded, pleaded with his hearers and soon the church was inclosed, plastered and befitted for divine service." He also called upon Catholics in Detroit in behalf of their Dearborn friends and secured funds from this source to help make it possible to complete the church in 1848. It was known as St. John's at that time.

On the death of Father Farnam, in 1849, Father P. Kindekens, vicar-general of the Diocese of Detroit, regularly visited Dearborn. He was instrumental in having improvements made in the interior of the church and also had a suitable altar erected.

Meanwhile the spiritual welfare of the congregation was also being taken care of. Father A. Van den Driesche spent several weeks in Dearborn instructing the Catholics in Christian doctrines and preparing them for the worthy reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

First School

The parish of St. John's, as it was then known, secured its first *resident pastor* in 1852, when Father James Pulsers was sent to Dearborn. Father Pulsers, who later served as president of the American College at Louvain, Belgium, was much concerned with educating the children. He therefore added to the church a vestry which he employed as a school-room. This building continued to be used as a school for more than 25 years, though twice moved during that period. Joanna Haniffan was the first teacher employed by Father Pulsers.

Father Pulsers remained in Dearborn for more than two years, when he was succeeded by Father Patrick O'Kelly. Father O'Kelly was not a stranger in Dearborn, for he had frequently stopped in the village to minister to the Catholics employed in building the Michigan Central Railroad. He was officially appointed pastor of St. John's on April 27, 1856. Father O'Kelly built the first pastor's residence in Dearborn, financing the project with his own money. He was held in high esteem by the congregation and his death on October 7, 1858, caused widespread grief. His remains are buried beneath a knoll in Mt. Kelly Cemetery which was so named in his honor.

Father Lemagie, a native of Belgium, came to Dearborn as a successor to Father O'Kelly. He remained for only 13 months. On his departure the parish ceased to have a resident pastor and services were then held only monthly by priests of the neighborhood.

The first of these visiting priests was Father Edmund Dumont, pastor of St. Mary's Church at Redford, who later was consecrated Bishop of Namur. As a young priest he was instrumental in bringing about the erection of a church at Redford, only to have it burn to the ground in a fire set by an incendiary. Undaunted, he immediately set about erecting a new building and in this he was assisted by contributions from Catholics and Protestants. He continued to serve St. John's at regular intervals for two years, until he returned to his native country, Belgium, in 1860.

His place was taken by Father Joseph Kindenkens, who regularly visited the Catholics at Dearborn until 1862.

In this year a new era dawned for the Catholic congregation of Dearborn, for St. John's became affiliated with the Catholic parish of Ypsilanti, under the pastorate of Father Van Paemel, who later was appointed pastor of St. Vincent Church, Detroit.

Foreseeing the future development of the parish, Father Van Paemel added to the church property by purchasing from James Magoonaugh a lot adjacent to the site on which the church stood. He also advised the purchase of a few acres of land to be used as a Catholic cemetery. William Daly came forward and donated land needed for the purpose. The cemetery was called Mt. Kelly, as a memorial to an early pastor of the parish, Father Patrick O'Kelly.

Father Van Paemel attended to the spiritual wants of the Catholics of Dearborn for ten years. He had many missions to attend to, however, and knowing that he could not, by monthly visits, do full justice to the Catholics of Dearborn, he pleaded successfully for the appointment of a resident pastor for the parish.

The pastor appointed was Father Patrick B. Murray, who came to Dearborn in 1872. Father Murray added to the church property by purchasing an additional lot from David Sloss, for which he paid one hundred dollars, and a lot also from Matthew Coyne, for which he paid forty dollars. He enclosed the church property with a suitable fence, built a barn and a woodshed and made other improvements at a total cost of \$223, which was raised by subscription.

Shortly after his arrival, Father Murray decided to build a pastor's residence and called upon members of the congregation for contributions. The list of contributors can serve as a census of the parish at that time. The list included the following:

William Daly, Michael Powers, William Keiley, John Bourke, James Halpin, Mrs. Mear, Mrs. Maloney, Hugh Lynn, Bernard Magoonaugh, Mrs. O'Flynn, Patrick Daly, Phillip Hoops, William Schlaf, Daniel Donaghue, Maurice Connor, Thomas Crowley, Andrew Gobel, James Behan, Joseph Murphy, Mrs. Wilson, Matthew Coyne, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, James Higgins, Michael Daly, John Paral, John Dunn, Anthony P. DeMay, Patrick Fairly, George Robinson, Daniel Cahil, Frank Nicholas.

Michael Keveny, Daniel Gragan, James Magoonaugh, Edmund Quirk, James Preston, Patrick Coyne, John M'Mahon, Michael Hagerty, Frank Fellrath, John W. Daly, Mrs. Reidy, Anthony Wagner, James Collins, Edmund Quinman, William Roney, Frank Waldecker, Mrs. Managhan, Cornelius Crowley, Peter Wiener, Michael Croak, Michael Quinnan, Mrs. Keegan, James Holton, Joseph Kolb, Joseph Raycraft, Cecilia Plunkett, Michael Doran, Anna Magoonaugh, Margaret Reed, Mary Hagerty, Thomas Daly.



FATHER MARKER



BISHOP DUMONT

The names of other Catholic families in Dearborn at this period, in addition to those named above, as they appeared on subsequent subscription lists, included the following:

Denis Carroll, William Kelly, Joseph Shafer, Peter Waldecker, Peter Frank, James Picket, Jacob Tyson, Anna Murphy, John Wilhelmi, Patrick Walsh, Andrew Waldecker, Stephen DeLorme, Mrs. O'Brien, M. H. Schaeken, Jared Sexton, Anthony Delbray, E. D. Howe, Mrs. Gleason, Barnard Hirt, M. Ossenmacher, John Spieler, John Rodgers, F. Poldz, Albert Fleishanz, Hyacinth Riopelle, Christopher Manteka, John Dunn, Nicholas Assenmacher, Richard Clinton, John Slattery, Andrew Gobel, John Salter, Anthony Fegan, Frank Pohl, Peter Schlaf, Joseph Keiser, Frank Piegotsky, Michael Zimmerman, Michael Maurey, John Flaherty, Joseph Winterhalter, John Racho, John Schlaf, John Wilhelmi, Albert Olbrecht, Nicholas Valerious, Anthony Tegan, Peter J. Simons.

Father Murray also took up a collection for a church bell and both Catholics and Protestants contributed \$276 for the purpose.

Father Murray remained as pastor of St. John's for one year when he was appointed pastor of the church at Ypsilanti. During his stay in Dearborn he collected and spent on the improvement of church property, the sum of \$1,750, independent of receipts from pew rent and other regular sources.

Father Algayer was next named pastor but he remained only two days when he was succeeded by Father Henry P. Delbaere. Immediately on his arrival, Father Delbaere opened a school in the small vestry built many years previously by Father Pulsers. More than 50 children left the public schools to enroll in the parochial school.

Father Delbaere remained as pastor of the parish for approximately a year and was much concerned with lifting the heavy debt that was hanging over the congregation. He called upon the parishioners for contributions and also raised funds from other sources. A picnic held in July, 1873, netted \$245. Shortly afterwards a fair was held under the auspices of the ladies of the parish and the sizeable sum of \$360 raised. Two other entertainments added \$160, and \$125 was realized from the sale of the old residence of Father Patrick O'Kelly.

A number of outstanding debts of the parish were paid from this fund and the balance was used for school purposes when the record of additional debts could not be found.

The old barn was remodeled and transformed into a school. A lady carpenter contracted for the work at the price of \$140. Being a lady of diverse talents, she was also engaged to decorate the church, to build a number of bureaus and to lay sidewalks.

Father Delbaere was succeeded as pastor of St. John's in 1874 by Father Leitner, who remained in the parish only six months. For the next few ensuing months Father Kilroy, of the Cathedral, Detroit, attended to the spiritual wants of the congregation at Dearborn until September 14, 1874, when Father Matthew H. Schaeken was named pastor.

On his arrival, Father Schaeken found the church property in a neglected state, which he later described in these words:

"On the east side of the lot, near an alley, stood the old building, resting upon a foundation of cord wood, a few stones, and decayed posts. The sanctuary and vestry seemed to have received the highest pressure for they were about three feet lower than the main body of the church. The plaster, mad, perhaps, for having been obliged to stick to the walls for 34 years, threatened to break loose and visit the heads of the worshipers. A monstrous gallery was hidden by a mass of stove-pipes; pews, old and fanciful, deserved a special place in the Philadelphian exposition. The altar, decorated by the skillful hand of the above-named lady carpenter, did its best to hide the \$300 expended on it. The carpet of the sanctuary had outlived its beauty and durability, for when taken out, it fell into rags, which afterwards served for the bedding of a poor, now defunct, Adventist clergyman. Two shelves were intended for side altars and contained a number of statues, which we should rather call caricatures. Near the church four heavy posts supported a good Troy bell, bought by the people of Dearborn under Father Murray's administration. A little further was a school house which once was a stable and still exhibited a two-fold aspect, viz:

THE OLD RECTORY
BUILT BY
FR. MURRAY IN 1873



that of barn and horse usefulness as well as that of learning and mind usefulness. This, however, is only a feeble description of the reality.

"Disliking to live in a comfortable dwelling, while the Almighty had such a poor and miserable temple, I made an appeal to the Catholics of my parish and proposed a necessary improvement."

As may be gathered from the foregoing, the parish took on new life with the coming of Father Shaeken. One of his first resolves was to move the church building, and when the parishioners appeared for mass on November 2, 1874, they were surprised to find that the church had been transported from the alley to the hill on Mason Street. At its new location, the church underwent a complete overhauling, so that nothing remained of the old structure except the frame and the steeple.

A new gallery was built, new pews put in, new altars erected, new statues and carpets purchased, the sanctuary was separated from the main body of the church, a better confessional was made and a small but suitable vestry provided for the keeping of vestments and other things essential to the sacred services. A fine chandelier was donated by Anthony Wagner and the substantial holy water font, the work of John Ryan, was returned to its original place.



THE CHURCH
ON
MASON STREET

On the completion of these improvements, Right Rev. Bishop Casper H. Borgess, of Detroit, visited the parish on January 12, 1875, and dedicated the church to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Immediately following the dedication, Father S. J. Langcake opened a mission in what was now to be known as Sacred Heart Church. It was during this mission that the stations of the cross were erected in the church.

Aware of the importance of imparting proper instruction to the rising generation, Father Schaeken made every effort to obtain a Catholic school. He had the old barn moved to the site on which formerly stood the old church, moved the old vestry next to it, connected the two, and divided the building into class rooms. As many as a hundred pupils visited the school during the winter season so that it was necessary for the pastor to set aside part of his residence for school purposes.

Still further improvements were then made in the church and such necessary items as a holy water pot and sprinkler, censor and boat, cope and benediction veil, a monstrance, a pyx and other articles were obtained.

Next Father Schaeken turned his attention to the cemetery which was enlarged to four acres when William Daly donated two more acres. All members of the parish joined in the work of improving the appearance of the burial ground. A new fence was built, several avenues were laid out and the whole plot was divided into lots. A vault was prepared and, over this vault, a gothic chapel erected as a memorial to Father Patrick O'Kelly, whose remains repose there and from whom the cemetery took its name.

On May 2, 1875, Bishop Borgess visited Sacred Heart Church and the whole congregation marched in solemn procession to Mt. Kelly Cemetery, which was then blessed with imposing ceremonies.

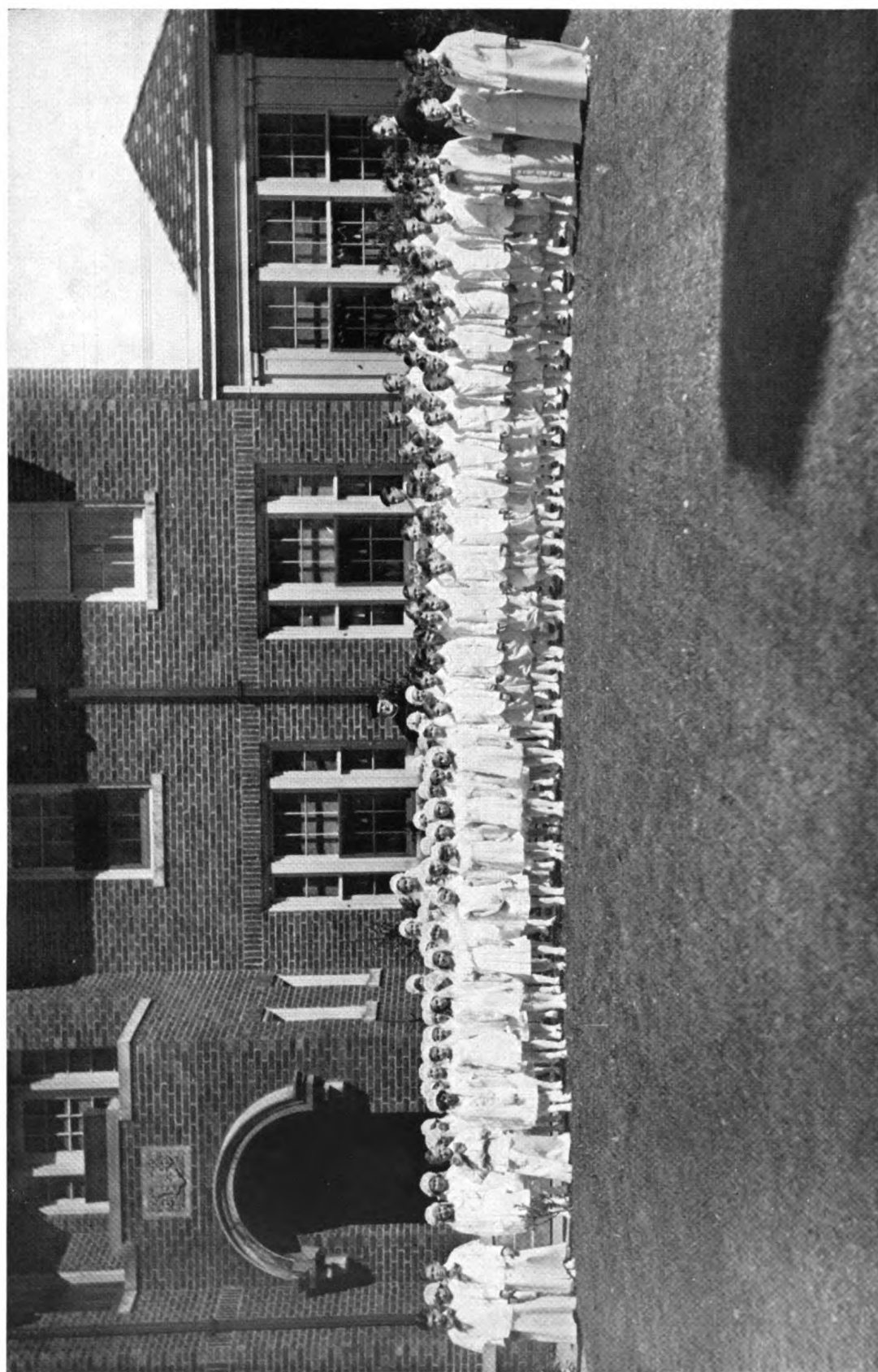
Father Schaeken remained as pastor of Sacred Heart till 1878, when the Rev. Theodore Muer took his place. Father Muer served the parish for six years and when he was changed in 1884, the parish was grief-stricken. Although his stay among them had been comparatively short, the people had learned to love and revere him. He was succeeded by the Rev. J. Reichenbach, who remained in the parish two years.

In 1886, the Most Rev. Bishop appointed Fr. L. J. VanStraelen to our parish. He remained one year but in that time he completely renovated the parish. He built. He repaired. He rearranged. The dispatch with which he accomplished all this reminds one of that earlier organizer, Fr. Schaeken. There is no doubt that had he been given more time, Father VanStraelen would have accomplished much for the parish. He was followed by Rev. J. F. Brogger, who for three years was Shepherd of this little flock of Christ. In that time Father Brogger never missed an opportunity to guard the little flock and to lead it to Christ by word and example.

When Fr. Brogger left, in 1890, a Holy Ghost Father, Fr. Prosper Goepfcht, was appointed and he remained till 1893, when Fr. Henry D. Sullivan received our parish as his commission. Fr. Sullivan was himself succeeded in 1894 by Father Marker, who for twenty-two years labored in this parish and is today remembered by many of the parishioners with devotion and respect.

Father Marker was an ideal country pastor and you must remember that, prior to 1916, Dearborn was really in the country. It is true, that he was not much of an organizer and temporalities were, in his estimation, lower in the hierarchy of values than one can safely put them. But he was a holy man, a learned man, and he preached the Word with a zeal and conviction which planted the Faith deep in the hearts of his children. Sacred Heart Parish owes him a debt and should never forget him in their prayers.

With the death of Father Marker in late 1915, the early history of our parish closes. The last years of this holy priest's life were spent in a period of transition for Dearborn. The old was passing. The new was speeding up. The country was becoming the city. The year 1916 marks the beginning of a new era.



THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 1936



FATHER SHARPE

The New Era

The history of Sacred Heart Parish parallels closely the history of Dearborn itself. Up until the advent of the automotive industry, Dearborn was a typical American village which for years had experienced little growth or development. The greater number of the inhabitants of the district were farmers and this profession of its nature is steady, methodical, unchanging. In like manner Sacred Heart Parish, which had been serving the Catholic element in the village and environs for eighty years, was, like its setting, small, unpretentious, static. Nineteen Sixteen, however, ushered in a new era. For some years Dearborn had been stirring itself under the stimulus of the rapidly developing Ford Industries and was beginning to visibly increase in stature. Those who envisioned the future saw a city in the making. This question naturally presented itself. Would Sacred Heart Parish be able to cope with this changed condition?

Father Sharpe

On January 3, 1916 Most Rev. John Foley, Bishop of Detroit, appointed Father Alphonse X. M. Sharpe pastor of Sacred Heart. This was by no means a routine appointment. With rare insight, the Bishop perceived the changing condition of Dearborn and knew that the parish which served this potential city must begin soon to adapt itself to the ever greater demands that would be placed upon it. This would not be an easy task, for in 1916 the physical aspect of the parish had changed little in twenty-five years. It had served the village faithfully but it could not serve the city. If the church in Dearborn was not to suffer by a lack of proper facilities, then Sacred Heart parish must undergo a revolution. An entire new group of buildings must be started, a group that would grow and expand as the community over which it was the guardian grew and expanded and it must be ready to expand when the demand was made upon it. To be the leader and advisor of this project, Bishop Foley choose a man who not only was a zealous priest but who had distinguished himself from the day of his ordination as possessing rare gifts as an organizer and executive. The Bishop choose Father Sharpe who, prior to this, had served for six years as an assistant at St. Vincents parish, Pontiac, and for ten and a half years as pastor of St. Mary church at Williamstown, caring also for the mission church of St. Agnes at Fowlerville. It was while he was an assistant at Pontiac that his ability as an executive first showed itself for, although only an assistant, he organized the parish and built the church of St. Elizabeth at Oxford. On his arrival on Jan. 3, Father Sharpe was bewildered by the vastness of the task which had been given him. He soon learned that the parish embraced seventy-three families with a hundred and ten children and the presence of these children brought home to him the fact that a school was the greatest present necessity of the parish. But how could he think of a school when the parish did not even possess a site upon which to build it and the total income of the parish for the year 1915 had been \$700.00? Undaunted by the spectre of these rather formidable arguments against the plan, Father Sharpe forged ahead, determined to fulfil the mission given to him. For that first year he outlined a program of action which would have seemed extreme to a less energetic and zelaous man and at once proceeded to execute it.

Organization was the first thing and with all the fire of his spirit be exhorted, entreated and rebuked. He established a church committee, a Holy Name society, a Tabernacle society and the Sodality and saw to it that they had plenty of activity lest they languish and die soon after birth. The parishoners at first, were at a loss what to make of this whirlwind activity. This enthusiasm was a new thing to them and they were sceptical of this young man who wanted to do so many things and to do them at once. However, it was not long before they perceived the true worth of him who had been appointed pastor of their

souls and they responded with that remarkable whole-heartedness that has characterized Sacred Heart parishoners ever since.

A fair idea of what that first year of real cooperation between pastor and people really accomplished can be had from perusing the financial report of the year 1916. If it is remembered that the income of the parish for the year 1915 was \$700.00, the following list of facts and figures will speak for itself. This report is even more interesting from another standpoint. It is a directory of those generous, thoroughly Catholic men and women who were the foundation stones, the supporting timbers of Sacred Heart parish twenty-one years ago.

Financial Statement

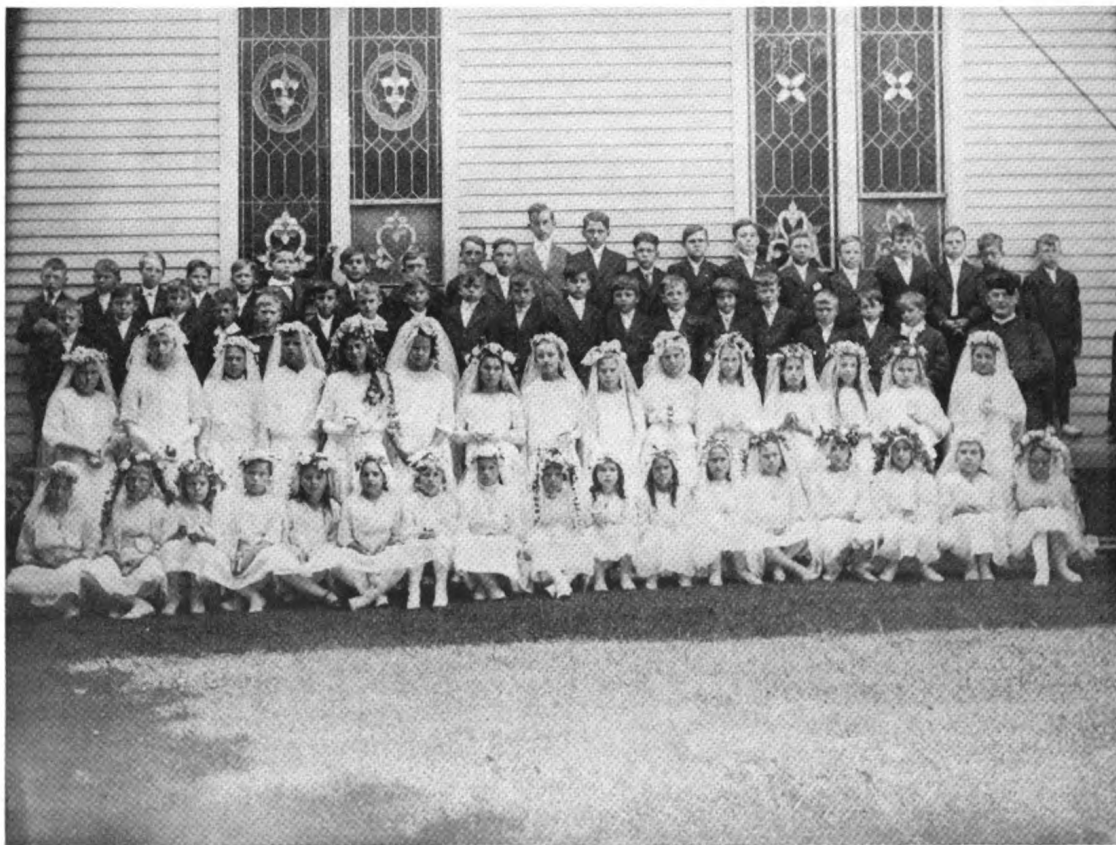
Sacred Heart Church, Dearborn, Michigan, 1916

REV. A. X. M. SHARPE, *Pastor*

Greeting

It is with considerable pride that I offer to you, my people, the financial statement of Sacred Heart Parish for the year 1916. And all I ask is that you give a careful and earnest study of same—the result I am sure will show you what a united parish can do—and it will give you an incentive to become a still more active cooperator in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the parish this year.

Your Humble Servant,
FATHER SHARPE.



THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 1916

Hours of Service

First Mass, 8:00 A. M.
Baptisms, 2:00 P. M.

High Mass, 10:30 A. M.
Sunday School, 2:30 P. M.

Church Committee

James Guinan
Anthony Schlaff
Joseph Bloom

Frank Fellrath
Anthony Korte
Charles Daly

Ushers

William A. Dingeman
Daniel Crowley
Elmer Fanning
Raymond Sally
Fred Fanning
Daniel Rae
Thomas Daly

Lester G. Auberlin
Wilfred Brown
Leo Crowley
Walter Reckinger
Leo Daly
Edward Korte
Albert Korte

Michael Korte

Any usher unable to be present on his allotted Sunday should report to one of the head ushers.

Ushers should be present fifteen minutes before Mass commences, at both High and Low Mass.

Sunday School Teachers

Miss Anna Rae
Charlotte Dingeman
Helen Yaggle
Stella Auberlin

Christina Rae
Lillian Daly
Irene Cox
Walter Rae

Heads of Societies

Holy Name Society

President, William A. Gleason; Vice-President, William A. Dingeman; Secretary, Clarence A. Benke; Treasurer, John J. Esper.

Tabernacle Society

President, Mrs. William A. Fanning; Vice-President, Mrs. Christ. Van Asche; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Munding.

Sacristans

Mrs. Charles Auberlin, Mrs. Oscar Ethridge.

Young Ladies' Sodality

Prefect, Miss Rose Dingeman; Vice-Prefect, Miss Anna Steffes; Secretary, Miss Christina Rae.

Children of Mary

Prefect, Louise Devers; Vice-Prefect, Jennie Jakobowski; Treasurer, Miss Evelyn Crowley.

St. Aloysius Boys' Society

President, Francis Fellrath; Vice-President, Peter Assenmaker; Treasurer, John Rae.

Financial Statement

REVENUES

Pew Rent	\$ 2,493.50
Sunday Collections	661.52
Ten Cent Collections	136.45
Lenten Collections	51.12
Self Denial	595.15
Young Ladies' Sodality	202.47
Supper	131.25
Picnic	500.73
Tabernacle Society	893.75
Bazaar	4,437.45
Subscriptions	14,875.00
Back Pew Rent (1915)	197.00
Bowling Alley	69.40
Holy Name Society	55.00
Sale of Candles	26.20
Crib Offerings	7.80
St. Aloysius Boys	4.15
Children of Mary	16.00
Cash on Hand 1915	700.00
Total Receipts	\$26,153.94
Total Expenditures	\$24,634.90
Balance	\$ 1,519.04

EXPENSES

Pastor's Salary	\$ 700.00
Sexton	229.00
Bishop's Salary	50.00
Choir Salary	171.70
Interest on Mortgage	279.01
Paid on Church Property	20,366.66
Frank Fellrath, Lumber	65.00
Remodeling and Repairing Rectory	312.44
House Furnishings	134.93
Allmendinger Bros., Plumbing	334.55
Fred Waldecker, Labor	42.80
Wm. Brown, Papering and Painting	113.00
Wm. Fox, Labor	87.10
Help of Priests	75.00
Church Linens	45.15
Altar Breads	22.21
Altar Wine	25.50
Candles	41.30
Wilkinson Bros. & Co.	42.97
Tapping Water Main	21.64
Fuel	326.50
Bowling Alley	33.00
Church Insurance	97.64
St. Joseph Hymnals	37.00
Taxes on Property	87.10
Communion Rail	16.34
Screens for House	10.00
Electric Lights for House and Church	32.98
Water Tax	4.28
Telephone	12.00
Priests' Fund	28.00
Chas. A. Kandt, on old acct.	85.29
Christmas Decorations	10.00
Printing and Stationery	49.66
Repairing Chair	2.50
Lumber	62.00
Unpaid Accts. for 1915	580.65
Total	\$24,634.90

	Pew Rent	Subscrip- tion	Self Denial	Christmas Offering	Cem. Fund
Assenmacher, Peter.....	\$36.00	\$200.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	\$.....
Assenmacher, Geo. J.....	7.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assenmacher, John.....	20.00	100.00	4.00	1.00	5.00
Assenmacher, Mrs. John.....	.....	100.00	4.00	1.00	.....
Auberlin, Mrs.....	36.00	100.00	4.00	1.00	.....
Assenmacher, Mat.....	24.00	100.00	4.00	1.00	5.00
Assenmacher, Mrs. Mat.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Assenmacher, Mrs. M. Sr.....	12.00	.....	4.00	1.00	5.00
Assenmacher, Joseph.....	.....	50.00	5.00	1.00	.....
Assenmacher, Elizabeth.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Assenmacher, Francis.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Assenmacher, Miss F.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Assenmacher, Harold.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Assenmacher, Lucille.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Auberlin, Lester.....	.....	.....	5.00	1.00	.....
Auberlin, Stella.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Auberlin, Mr.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Beckbessinger, Fred.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Benke, Mrs. C. J.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Bodary, Frank.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....
Bloom, Delia Mary.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Bloom, A. J.....	24.00	.....	4.00	5.00	.....
Bloom, Mrs. A. J.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Burger, J. H.....	36.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burns, Mrs. Thos.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	10.00
Buckenberger, C. P.....	24.00	.....	4.00	2.50	.....
Benke, C. J.....	12.00	25.00	.....	1.00	.....
Burdeno, Dr.....	36.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burdeno, Mrs.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....
Burdeno, Mrs.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....
Bossance, Olive.....	12.00	100.00	5.00	.....	.....
Bertram, George.....	20.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Bondie, Charles.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bertram, Mrs. Theo.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bayhan, Daniel.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bachmer, Mrs.....	30.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Brown, Wm.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Brown, Mrs. Wm.....	12.00	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Brown, Wilfred.....	12.00	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Buckenberger, Mrs.....	.....	.....	4.00	2.50	.....
Buckenberger, Regina.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Buckenberger, Harry.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Buckenberger, Charles.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Buckenberger, Marie.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Crowley, Jermiah.....	20.00	100.00	.....	1.00	.....
Ciesielski, A.....	20.00	25.00	.....	2.00	.....
Crowley, Michael.....	36.00	300.00	4.00	1.00	.....
Crowley, Mrs. Michael.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Crowley, John.....	48.00	200.00	4.00	2.00	.....
Croke, Abbe.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Crowley, Daniel.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Crowley, Evelyn.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Crowley, Leo.....	.....	.....	5.00	1.00	.....
Crowley, Irene.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Crowley, Esther.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Crowley, Agnes.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Cahill, John and Charles.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....
Crowley, Ellen.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Crowley, Charles.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Crowley, Raymond.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Daly, Clarence J.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Daly, Harry.....	.....	.....	4.00	2.00	.....
Daly, Leo.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Dingeman, Wm.....	.....	.....	5.00	1.00	.....
Devers, Louise.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....
Daly, Mrs. Charles.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Daly, Lillian.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Daly, Jno.....	36.00	500.00	4.00	1.00	5.00

	Pew Rent	Subscrip- tion	Self Denial	Christmas Offering	Cem. Fund
Daly, Mrs. Jno.			4.00		
Daly, Thos.	36.00	500.00	4.00	2.00	10.00
Daly, Mrs. Thos.			4.00	2.00	
Daly, Chas.	24.00	100.00	4.00	1.00	
Daly, Edmund.		50.00	4.00	1.00	
Dingeman, Mrs. K.	36.00	500.00	5.00	1.00	10.00
Devers, Henry	10.00	100.00		2.00	
Degen, Mrs. A.	10.00	20.00	2.00		
Degen, Mrs. J.	10.00		2.00		
Degen, Jake		25.00	2.00	1.00	
Daly, James	48.00	300.00	4.00	1.00	10.00
Daly, Mrs. James			4.00	1.00	
Dingeman, Rose		100.00	5.00	1.00	
Dingeman, Anna		100.00	5.00	1.00	
Dingeman, Charlotte		100.00	5.00	1.00	
Daly, Thos. J.		50.00	4.00	1.00	
Degen, Fred.			2.00		
Daly, Mrs. Susie			4.00		
Esper, Joseph	24.00	500.00	4.00	5.00	
Esper, Mrs. Jos.			4.00		
Esper, Jno. J.	24.00	500.00	4.00	1.00	
Esper, Mrs. Jno. J.			4.00		
Esper, Michael.	24.00	500.00		1.00	
Esper, John G.	30.00	100.00	1.50	1.00	
Esper, Henry	40.00	500.00	4.00	5.00	
Etheridge, Oscar.	20.00			1.00	
Esper, Mrs. Frank		100.00			
Esper, Mrs. Mary.		50.00	4.00	1.00	
Esper, Mary		50.00	4.00	2.00	
Esper, Mrs. John G.				1.00	25.00
Fellrath, Celia			4.00		
Fellrath, Francis			4.00		
Fellrath, Richard			4.00		
Fellrath, Frank	24.00	500.00	4.00	10.00	10.00
Fanning, Mrs. Wm.	30.00	30.00	4.00	2.00	
Flaherty, John	20.00				
Flaherty, Wm.	20.00			1.00	
Flaishans, Joseph	10.00	10.00			
Frank, Mrs. F.	10.00			1.00	
Frank, Christopher	10.00				
Fellrath, Mrs. B.		100.00	4.00	1.00	
Fisher, Otto		5.00			
Fellrath, Mrs. Frank		100.00	4.00		
Fanning, Elmer			4.00	1.00	
Fanning, Fred			4.00		
A Friend			1.00		
A Friend			5.00		
A Friend			20.00		
A Friend			6.00		
Goebel, Stephen	24.00	25.00		1.00	
Goebel, Jerome	6.00				
Gleason, Wm.	36.00	200.00	1.00	2.50	
Gleason, Mrs. Wm.			4.00	2.50	
Guinan, James	40.00	500.00	5.00	5.00	10.00
Grammer, Geo.	30.00	50.00		1.00	
Gummel, Wm.	10.00	100.00			
Gebauer, A.	24.00			.50	
Guinan, Anna		100.00	4.00	1.00	
Guinan, Mrs. Rose		100.00	4.00	1.00	
Gleason, Catherine			2.00		
Gleason, Adele			2.00		
Goebel, George			5.00		
Grammer, Mrs. May				.50	
Guinan, Mrs. James				1.00	
Horger, George	20.00				
Husse, Paul	20.00	50.00		1.00	2.00
Haizlett, Mrs. Geo.	10.00			.50	

	Pew Rent	Subscrip- tion	Self Denial	Christmas Offering	Cem. Fund
Hool, Paul.....	24.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Halpin, Wm.....	24.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Huck, Otto.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Holihan, Henry.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Jakabowski, Mrs. Jos.....	.....	10.00	.....	5.00	.....
Korte, Mrs. Anna.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Korte, Theodore.....	12.00	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Keane, Mrs. M.....	6.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Koselka, Joseph.....	20.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Kanir, George.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Korte, Frank.....	30.00	500.00	5.00	3.00	.....
Kolb, Frank.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Kiely, John.....	30.00	300.00	.....	5.00	.....
Kelley, Joseph.....	24.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Koselka, John.....	20.00	100.00	.....	1.00	.....
Kaiser, Anna.....	10.00	100.00	5.00	5.00	.....
Kaiser, Joseph.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Korte, Wm.....	30.00	400.00	.....	5.00	.....
Korte, Mrs. Wm.....	.....	100.00	4.00	.....	.....
Korte, Anthony.....	24.00	150.00	10.00	.....	.....
Korte, Mrs. Anthony.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Korte, John.....	45.00	500.00	10.00	1.00	.....
Knodt, Peter.....	24.00	50.00	.....	1.00	.....
Knodt, Wm.....	12.00	100.00	.....	15.00	.....
Kurkowski, Theo.....	12.00	100.00	.....	1.00	.....
Kaiser, Barney.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....
Korte, Nicholas.....	.....	25.00	1.50	.....	.....
Korte, Aloysious.....	.....	25.00	1.50	.....	.....
Korte, Mrs. Frank.....	.....	100.00	4.00	.....	.....
Kurkowski, Frank.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Korte, Catherine.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....
Korte, Wm. J.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....
Korte, Gertrude.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	.....
Korte, Theresa.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	.....
Korte, Edmund.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Korte, Albert.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Lewis, Mrs.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Lewis, Miller.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Magoonah, Agnes.....	36.00	.....	5.00	1.00	.....
Magoonah, Family.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....
Murch, Joseph.....	7.50	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Makersky, M.....	20.00	25.00	.....	2.00	.....
Melifski, Joseph.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....
Magoonah, Ann.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Magoonah, Kate.....	.....	.....	4.00	1.00	.....
Mundinger, Mrs. Albert.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Mundinger, Albert.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....
Nichols, Mrs. Frank.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naekel, Joseph.....	.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....
Naekel, Anna.....	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....
Oehring, George.....	20.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....
O'Connor, Joseph.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
O'Keefe, Patrick.....	24.00	20.00	.....	1.00	.....
Olbrecht, R.....	24.00	100.00	.....	1.00	.....
Olbrecht, Mrs. R.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Powers, Mrs. M.....	24.00	25.00	.....	1.50	.....
Petoskey, Rudolph.....	20.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....
Pohl, Wm.....	20.00	100.00	.....	1.00	.....
Petoskey, Jennie M.....	.....	.....	1.65	.....	.....
Petoskey, Mrs. R.....	.....	.....	4.00	2.00	.....
Petoskey, Miss Emma.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Pohl, Miss Anna.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....
Rae, Daniel Sr.....	20.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....
Ryan, John.....	20.00	25.00	4.00	1.00	.....
Ryan, Mrs. John.....	.....	100.00	4.00	.....	.....
Roulo, Charles.....	10.00	100.00	5.00	1.00	.....
Reckinger, Mat.....	20.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....
Reckinger, Geo.....	20.00	25.00	.....	1.00	.....

	Pew Rent	Subscrip- tion	Self Denial	Christmas Offering	Cem. Fund
Reckinger, Joseph.....	30.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Reuter, Frank.....		20.00	.....	.....	.....
Reckinger, Mary.....		5.00	.....	.....	.....
Reckinger, Mrs. Mat.....			4.00	1.00	.....
Rae, Daniel and Family.....			20.00	.....	.....
Rae, Daniel Jr.....		25.00	.....	.....	.....
Reckinger, Walter.....				1.00	.....
Rae, Mrs. Daniel.....				1.00	.....
Schloff, Anthony.....	48.00	500.00	4.00	2.00	.....
Schloff, Mrs. K.....	10.00	25.00	4.00	.50	5.00
Sollinger, Mrs. A.....	10.00		.....	.....	.....
Smith, John.....	20.00			1.00	.....
Selinsky, Fred.....	20.00			1.00	.....
Smith, George.....	10.00			.....	.....
Sink, John.....	10.00			.....	.....
Sink, Mrs.....			5.00	.....	.....
Stommel, Peter.....	10.00		4.00	.50	.....
Schloff, John.....	10.00			.....	.....
Steffes, Frank.....	36.00			.....	.....
Schloff, Mrs. Anthony.....		100.00		.....	.....
Schaefer, Jno. H.....		25.00		.....	.....
Schloff, Rose.....		15.00	4.00	.50	.....
Steffes, Anna.....		10.00	4.00	1.00	.....
Schloff, Mrs. Anthony.....			4.00	2.00	.....
Schloff, Stella.....			4.00	.50	.....
Schloff, Viola.....			4.00	.50	.....
Schloff, Norbert.....			4.00	.....	.....
Showers, Louise.....				.50	.....
Schloff, Harry.....				.....	5.00
Theisen, Miss Mary.....				1.00	.....
Ternes, Jacob.....		25.00		.....	.....
Tucker, Mrs. Henry.....	12.00	25.00	4.00	1.00	1.00
Van Asche, Albert.....	12.00	50.00		1.00	.....
Van Asche, Mrs. M.....	12.00			1.00	.....
Van Asche, Anna.....	12.00			.....	.....
Van Asche, Christopher.....	24.00			.....	.....
Van Asche, Mrs. C.....		100.00		.....	.....
Waldecker, Fred.....	36.00	55.00	4.00	1.00	5.00
Waldecker, Joseph.....	48.00	50.00		1.00	.....
Wiethoff Family.....	36.00			.....	.....
Waldecker, Mat.....	20.00			1.00	.....
Wilhelmi, Mike.....	20.00	5.00		1.00	.....
Wagner, Mrs. A.....	24.00	50.00		1.00	.....
Wagner, Charles.....	12.00	100.00	4.00	1.00	.....
Wiethoff, Mrs.....		500.00	4.00	2.50	.....
Wiethoff, Emma.....		100.00	5.00	5.00	10.00
Wiethoff, Celia.....		100.00	4.00	2.50	.....
Wiethoff, John.....		100.00		.....	.....
Waldecker, Mrs. Fred.....			6.00	.....	.....
Wagner, Mary.....			4.00	.....	.....
Wagner, Milton.....			4.00	.....	.....
Wagner, John.....			4.00	.....	.....
Wagner, Joseph.....			4.00	1.00	.....
Waldecker, Mrs. Joseph.....			4.00	.....	.....
Waldecker, Bessie.....			4.00	.....	.....
Winn, Florence.....			4.00	.....	.....
Weiner, Michael.....				1.00	.....
Wilhelm, Wm.....				.....	10.00
Yaggle, Helen.....			3.00	.....	.....
Yaggle, Eleanor.....			3.00	.....	.....
Yaggle, Mrs.....	10.00		4.00	.....	.....
Young, Frank.....	20.00		.....	.....	.....
Zimmerman, Marie.....		90.00	.....	.....	.....
Zimmerman, Peter.....		25.00		1.00	.....
Zimmerman, Mrs. M.....	20.00	50.00	4.00	1.00	5.00
Zimmerman, George.....	10.00	25.00	1.00	.....	.....
Zimmerman, John.....	10.00	25.00		1.00	.....
Zimba, Mrs.....	24.00		1.00	.....	.....
Zimba, Lawrence.....		5.00	.....	.....	.....

Michigan at Military

The effort expended in that first year was all, either directly or indirectly, in the interest of a new school. A school was the thing most needed and a school Sacred Heart was going to have. The first difficulty which presented itself was the lack of a suitable site upon which to build. The old location at Mason and Park avenues was totally inadequate for the needs of a growing parish. A new site must be found.

If one were clever enough, a best-seller could be written around the experience of the parish in securing this site and the subsequent building of the school. Bigotry was rampant at the time and opposition to the project of expanding Catholic influence was offered on all sides. Dishonest business methods on the part of certain concerns supplied the element of suspense.

The church committee, which had been part of the organization program, definitely decided to procure a new site. The secretary of this committee was a young man by the name of James Guinan and it was mainly through his untiring effort that this decision shortly materialized in the possession of a fine piece of property.

Incidentally, Jim, as he was affectionately called by all who knew him, has since won for himself a unique position in the parish. During all those hectic days of buying property and building the school, Jim was a cooperator without a peer. He advised. He planned. He gave. He worked. Often he neglected his own business that he might be of greater service to Father Sharpe and the parish. Always he was on call and gave his unceasing aid with a cheerfulness and spontaneity that belied the thought that perhaps he was being imposed upon. Too much could not be said for the help that he gave. On this occasion the pastor and parish wish to join in saying: "Thank you, Jim Guinan." And while we are digressing, for the moment, from our policy of not mentioning names, a word of thanks must likewise be said to the Korte and Esper brothers whose service to the parish has also been outstanding. The spirit which animated them, early showed itself to Father Sharpe. Shortly after he arrived in the parish, these men, on their own initiative, bought a carload of cinders and had them placed upon the old church property in order to enable the pastor to drive his car into the garage. This personal interest and timely generosity, so characteristic of all their dealings with the parish, could not be left unmentioned. But now to get back to our chronicle.

Father Sharpe had suggested the present site of the parish and the committee upon hearing from Mr. Guinan the terms under which it could be purchased, unanimously agreed that it was the ideal spot for their parish buildings. So on March 15, 1916, Mr. Guinan took an option on the property for three months. The parish had begun to function.

Of course this action had been comparatively simple. The real test of the parish would come when it was time to pay out hard-earned money to retain the property. The pastor informed the parishioners that he would solicit each one personally in order to raise the required amount. The press of parish duties, however, prevented this personal contact and on May 14, the day before the option expired, the subscriptions handed in did not total three thousand dollars,—less than one-third the sum needed. The Fourteenth was a Sunday and that morning at Mass the pastor lamented the fact that it had been impossible for him to keep his promise, for, from all indications, their first project was doomed to failure. "However," he said, "you still have today and until noon tomorrow to bring in your subscriptions and redeem that property." It is a sufficient indication of the loyalty and generosity of those parishioners to say that at noon the following day Father Sharpe paid the \$9,000.00 and Sacred Heart Parish, Michigan at Military, became a reality.

School

The securing of the property, however, was not in itself considered a major advance. It was only the first step towards the realization of the parish's great need—a school. And so in the very early days of 1917 plans began to be formulated for supplying this need. What courage and singleness of purpose was needed for such an undertaking at that time when our country was plunged into the midst of the World War, only those who lived through it and helped the pastor have any idea. The committee which had been so active in procuring the property was of one mind that a school should be the first building in their parish group but they were not so unanimous in deciding what sort of school should be built. They wanted a four-room school. Their eyes were on the present and at that time a four-room school was quite adequate to house the children of the parish. Natural economy made them adverse to any foolish expenditure. But what they did not see was that Dearborn was even then stirring itself for a great period of expansion and development. The new pastor, however, had the future in his field of vision as well as the present and pointed out to the committee that their apparent economy would shortly prove to be gross extravagance. Such a building as they proposed would be totally inadequate in a few years and because of its size would not lend itself to expansion. Father Sharpe then took the committee on a tour of the parish schools of the city and showed them how problems identical with their own had been met elsewhere. That tour convinced them and they at once decided on the present school building. It was to house school, church, convent and social hall. It was to be all inclusive. Then as the parish grew and a convent was built and finally a church, the school itself would automatically expand and serve an ever greater need. In 1917 it took foresight to perceive how erecting the then largest building in Dearborn was real economy but the present size of Dearborn and the parish shows in a concrete way the wisdom of that planning twenty years ago.



ONLY THE BEGINNING



THE LARGEST BUILDING IN DEARBORN
(IN 1916)

Plans for the new school were immediately drawn by the Van-Leyen-Schilling architects and the cost was estimated at \$100,000. Finally on June 1, ground was broken and work on the school began. At that time many members of the parish were farmers and these were determined to have a more intimate relation with their new parish building than mere contribution of money could give them. They decided to do the excavation work themselves. This exhibition of enthusiasm was typical of the parish and not only heartened Father Sharpe in his zeal for the parish but saved the parish a considerable amount of money.

The events of the next few months did their best to destroy the elation of the parish over seeing the plans so recently conceived reach maturity. No one will ever know the anxiety suffered by those in responsible position during that time. Broken contracts, law suits, sabotage, and a host of minor annoyances were a source of continual worry. However natural shrewdness and professional advise, aided by Divine help, was a combination which brought success. On November 17, 1917, the corner-stone of the new building was laid by Bishop Kelly but the school was not ready for occupancy till a year later. On October 7, 1918, the feast of our Guardian Angels, six Immaculate Heart sisters and their one hundred and eighty new charges attended mass at the old church on Mason street and after mass had a triumphal march to the new school.

Four of the spacious rooms on the top floor of the building were used for class rooms. The remainder of the floor was utilized as living apartments by the sisters. The second floor was the church and was used in that capacity until the new church was erected in 1929.

The parishioners hailed with pride the completion of the new school and their spirit is exemplified in the fact that Evelyn Crowley, Margaret Kirk and John and Mary Wagner sacrificed a year or two at Dearborn High School and started over in the ninth grade in order to have the privilege of being Sacred Heart's first graduates.

The events of the next few years may be summed up in the following short notices:

—Dec. 8, 1918. The sisters at the Retreat send Miraculous Medals to each child in the school.

—Accession to the school of Fr. Marker's library. Father Marker was a former pastor of Sacred Heart and the library of over six hundred volumes is even today a fitting memorial of that scholarly man of letters.

—Increase of fifty pupils in the second year. A positive proof that parents and pupils were satisfied with the efforts of the sisters in those pioneer days.

—October 30, 1919. First Confirmation day. A class of sixty-six received the "Seal of the Spirit."

—Bishop Gallagher visits the school. He later expressed himself as being more than pleased with his visitation.

In the Spring of 1922, when Sacred Heart was preparing to send out its first graduates, the Most Rev. Bishop offered a hundred dollar prize for the best essay on "Vocation." Great was the joy when the winner, Arthur Esper, was announced. Coming from such a new quarter this victory turned the eyes of the diocese upon our school. The proudest of those early days came on June 19 of that same year. On that day the first commencement exercises were held in the school auditorium. Father Michael Burke of Ann Arbor addressed the graduates and Father Sharpe, making no attempt to conceal the joy which filled his heart, handed out the six diplomas. The pictures of Arthur Esper, John Wagner, Mary Wagner, Margaret Kirk, Evelyn Crowley and Elizabeth Smith hang in the school corridor, captioned—"The Class of 1922."

By this time the music class was well established and was making a name for itself in that field. Every year the parish has had the pleasure of hearing the results of the efforts made by the sisters and pupils to develop that art. Choir work has also received a large share of the attention of the Music Department and it has ever been its endeavor to carry out the wishes of the Holy Father in His requests for liturgical music.

In 1928 State representatives visited the school on a tour of inspection. Words of highest praise were given the faculty at that time and it was only lack of sufficient equipment which prevented the school from being accredited by the University of Michigan. The Depression had been the natural obstacle ever since and made it impossible for the parishioners to supply this requirement. Now, however, many members of the Alumni whose sense of gratitude to their Alma Mater has made them eager to make a return, have pledged themselves to provide Sacred Heart School with what it needs. The community of sisters has done its share in keeping apace with the scholastic demands in the way of degree, etc. and have kept qualified teachers and an adequate number of them to care for the children applying for admission. A teaching staff of thirteen sisters for five hundred fifty pupils are the figures for the present scholastic term. The growth of the enrollment has been constant since the founding of the school. When school opened in 1918, four rooms on the second floor were used. Today the entire school is used for school purposes.

Trophies are a part of every school. They serve as reminders of past accomplishments and they stimulate to new effort. Many of the trophies which grace the school library were won by the Safety Patrol boys. This organization is given special mention because of the fine service the boys have rendered their schoolmates. The trophies they won challenge their successors to maintain the traditions which are so worthy of imitation. Another trophy that is always pointed out with special pride is that won by Kathleen Cotter for her essay on "Light's Golden Jubilee." When the eyes of the world were turned toward Dearborn for the celebration of the accomplishments of Thomas A. Edison by his friend Mr. Henry Ford, it meant much for our high school to receive this honor.

An annual event famous and dear to the heart of every pupil of Sacred Heart is the "Us Kids" social. In the early years it took place during the Summer but in the past few years it has been the outstanding social event of the Fall. This event has given astonishing help to the parish in a financial way but its chief value lies in the fact that it impresses upon the child mind, when it is most receptive, that it has a duty to support the parish.



FATHER RECKINGER

Klauke, Mrs. Stephen Giltinan, Mrs. A. Fleishans, Mrs. G. Kersinger, Mrs. Ida Billig, Mrs. James Bodary.

Perhaps the happiest event in the history of the parish happened on June 3, 1934. On that day Rev. Arthur Reckinger, the first one elevated to the Sacred Priesthood from Sacred Heart Parish during its ninety-eight years, offered his first Solemn Mass in the parish church. Not only was it a day of joy for relatives and close friends of Father Reckinger but it was a day of thanksgiving for the whole parish. They realized what a singular blessing God had given them. After the mass Father Reckinger was guest of honor at a banquet tendered by the ladies of the parish. The ladies who were responsible for this fine gesture on the part of the parish were: Mrs. Frank Dittmer, Mrs. Frances Albright, Mrs. Frances Slebodnik, Mrs. Ruth Haigh, Mrs. Catherine Kassube, Mrs. Edna Brennan, Mrs. James Guinan, Mrs. Vera Lyons, Mrs. Genevieve Schubert, Mrs. Joseph Trudeau, Mrs. C. Beeker, Mrs. Earl Herman, Mrs. Morris Hayes, Mrs. A. Mennick, Mrs. Joseph Drean, Mrs. J. F. Fanning, Mrs. Mary Gansen, Mrs. J. M. O'Reilly, Mrs. Walter Murry, Mrs. James McManus, Mrs. James Clickner, Mrs. Thomas McMahon, Mrs. Douglas Hayes, Mrs. Florence Hallas, Mrs. L. Leicht, Mrs. W. D. Moore, Mrs. T. J. Graham, Mrs. W. H. Gordon, Mrs. Joseph

Sacred Heart School became a sort of Community Center in 1932 and 1933 when the depression was at its worst in Dearborn. Through the self-sacrificing generosity of a zealous group of parishioners, the children were cared for in the matter of books, clothing and food. The school kitchen became the scene of "canning bees" and a daily supply of meat and vegetables was delivered by the Ford Motor Company. The ladies organized into groups and each day came to make and distribute hot soup to the children at noon. From the lips of parents came the statement more than once: "Our children would have starved were it not for Sacred Heart School." Nor was this all. A vacant store became 'Santa's Work Shop' and here men and women gathered to do what they could in the matter of making and repairing toys for the little ones. All this was activity which must have been very dear to the Heart of Christ. It gives an inkling into the reason why the Sacred Heart has bestowed so many blessings upon our parish.

Sports

The chronicle of the school would not be complete did it not record some of the outstanding events in the field of athletics. Recognizing the important part this interest plays in the life of most boys, the faculty and parishioners have shown a kindly and cooperative interest in their activities.

—In 1927, Edward Kirk won the State championship for golf.

—In 1932-33 the basket ball team carried off the trophy for class "C."

—1933-34 was again a year of victories in basket ball and foot ball. The "old boys" point with pride to their trophies which placed prominently in the library, prove an eloquent challenge to the teams of today.

Finally a word of appreciation is due to those members of the Alumni who gave of their time and ability to develop teams who could bring home a trophy. The trophy room would be empty but for their services. Notably among these are: Messrs. Milton Wagner, Everett Koselka, Alex Bodary, Robert Montgomery, Clarence Gebauer, Harry Emery, and Leo Cartier.

Summing Up

On finishing the scholastic year 1936-1937, Sacred Heart school had graduated fifty boys and one hundred thirty-five girls. The smallest class was four, in 1928—the largest, thirty-one in 1934. What has become of all these graduates? Some have gone so far away that their Alma Mater has no means of locating or learning anything of them but here are a few statistics:

DECEASED: Richard Fellrath, Charles Kunkle, Alice Cox, George Fox, Irene Bienick

PRIESTS: Reverend Harold Assenmacher, Reverend Arthur Reckinger

SISTERS:

Mary Wagner	Sister Ann Gertrude, I.H.M.
Julia Wolf	Sister Mary Rupert, I.H.M.
Josephine Korte	Sister Fabiana, I.H.M.
Anna Patrias	Sister Ann Xavier, I.H.M.
Agnes Crowley	Sister Florent Gildet, I.H.M.
Annie Kraus	Sister Phylis, I.H.M.
Teresa Ternes	Sister Clare Theresa, I.H.M.
Rita LaChance	Sister Edwilda, I.H.M.
Elizabeth Zeestraten	Sister Alexia, I.H.M.
Juanita Kenny	Sister Thecla, I.H.M.
Alice O'Hara	Sister Theotilda, I.H.M.
Lucille Assenmacher	Sister Mary Harold, Sister of St. Dominic
Dorothy Connolly	Sister Thomas More, Sister of St. Dominic
Catherine Korte	Sister M. Alphonsus, Sister of Good Sheperd
Theresa Korte	Sister Rose Francis, Sister of Good Sheperd
Elsie Walters	Sister Catherine Labre, I.H.M. (Scranton)

LAWYERS: John Wagner

NURSES: Rose Huff, Margaret Gorell, Frances Fader, Elvina Korte, Jane Sly, Alice Reed, Edith Dittmer, Margaret Reckinger

FATHERS AND MOTHERS OF CHILDREN NOW IN OUR SCHOOL: Viola Schlaff—Mrs. Petoskey, Irene Esper—Mrs. Assenmacher, Margaret Kirk—Mrs. Fellrath, John Wagner, Leo Esper



THE CLASS OF 1937

The Rectory

In 1924 it became evident that soon a convent would have to be built. The school enrollment had been steadily growing and the space used by the Sisters for living quarters was even then needed for classrooms. This presented a real problem, for the house which served as a Rectory at that time, was occupying the site designated for the convent. Realizing that sooner or later a rectory must be built, it was decided to do so at once and thus avoid the added expense of renting a house to serve this purpose. In planning this building the same foresight, which characterized the planning of the school, was evident. Two main factors were taken into consideration. First—the fact that it would be adjacent to the church and so must harmonize with it in material and design. Secondly—that Sacred Heart Parish was destined to continue to grow and so must possess a rectory which would house the increasing number of priests who would be necessary to serve it. The present rectory, completed in late 1924, incorporated both these ideas and is considered by many to be the most practical parish rectory in the Archdiocese of Detroit.



SACRED HEART CONVENT

The Convent

From the very day of the Sisters' arrival in August, 1918, it had been Father Sharpe's earnest desire to provide them with a convent but year after year more pressing concerns prevented this. Up until 1921 the sisters had improvised living quarters for themselves in the school. In that year, when the need for more room in the school became urgent, Mr. William Korte built a two-family flat on Howe Street for the express purpose of housing the Sisters until a convent could be erected. They occupied this dwelling for five years. Finally, on May 28, 1926 ground was broken for the long desired addition to the parish group and on December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Sisters took possession of their beautiful new home.

A word of appreciation should be said here about the fine courage and perpetual good humor with which the Sisters endured the real hardships of living a community life in a couple of classrooms. Father Sharpe did everything in his power to lighten the burden but there was much that could not be changed. The very nature of the "set-up" defied correction. However the Sisters did not complain. The members of that grand teaching community, the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart, who served Sacred Heart School,

lived up to all the best traditions of their community. They knew their community had been born in direst poverty and they were not above living as simply as their Founders if the circumstances in which they were placed demanded it. Today they live in a home from which all these inconveniences of early days have been carefully excluded but, were it necessary, tomorrow they would cheerfully give it all up and resume life in the pioneer manner. They are valiant women, these "Brides of Christ" and have earned and are still earning the unfailing gratitude of this parish to which they have given so much.

The names of those Sisters who have served Sacred Heart School since its inception are:

SISTER JULIA (SUPERIOR)

SISTER ELEANOR

" TERESITA
 " MARIE VERONICA
 " LOUIS GONZAGA
 " PAULINE
 " AMELIA
 " ROSE AGATHA
 " ELECTA
 " ROSE VINCENT
 " ANN JOSEPH
 " MARCIA
 " AGNES REGINA
 " MARIE CATHERINE
 " MARGARET ELLEN
 " ROSE MAGDALENE
 " THEOPHANE
 " CHARLESETTA
 " ROSE CECILLIA
 " BERTRAND
 " MARIE CHRISTINE
 " ANGELICA
 " CARLOTTA
 " MARIE HELENE
 " MARIE MATTHEW
 " MARTINA
 " MIRIAM COLLETTE

SISTER MARY LUKE

" MILDRED
 " PATRICE
 " MARIE CHARLES
 " ANTOINETTE

SISTER CARITAS (SUPERIOR)

" MARIE CALLISTUS
 " MATHIA
 " MARIE CLOTILDE
 " MARIE CAMILLUS
 " HILDA
 " HILTRUDE
 " BASILLA
 " MARIE GRACE
 " ERNESTA
 " AGNES MARIE
 " MARY LEO
 " BRIGID
 " MARGARET MARY
 " MIRIAM CONCILIA
 " MARIE BENJAMIN
 " ROSE ESTELLE
 " MARIE RAPHAEL
 " PAULINE
 " EMERENTIA
 " CLARILLA

SISTER MARY LOUIS (SUPERIOR)

SISTER VALERIA

" LAURA
 " MARIE GENEVIEVE
 " LYDIA
 " MARY OLIVE
 " ANN LOUISE
 " EVERILDA
 " MARY ANTON

SISTER CARMELITA (SUPERIOR)

SISTER ANN

" FLORENT MARIE
 " MARIE DAVID
 " ALPHONSINE
 " GENEVIEVE
 " LAETITIA
 " RACHEL
 " EDITH
 " HELEN LUELLA

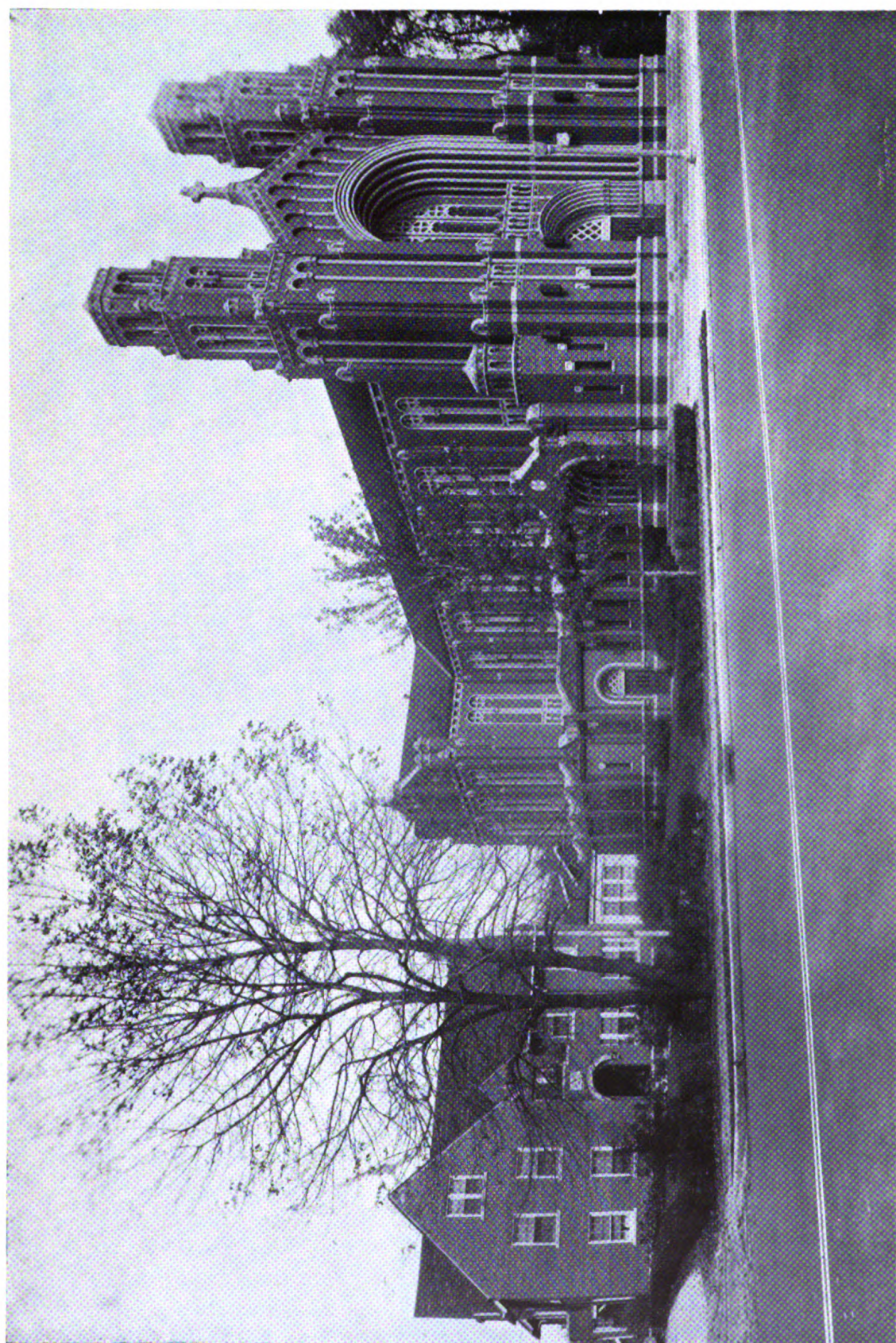
RIGHT—BISHOP GALLAGHER
LAYING CORNERSTONE OF SACRED
HEART CHURCH.

BELOW—BISHOP KELLY LAYING
CORNERSTONE OF SACRED HEART
SCHOOL.



LEFT—PART OF PROCESSION AT
CEREMONY.

FATHER O'BYRNE IS SECOND
FROM THE RIGHT.



SACRED HEART CHURCH AND RECTORY

The House of God

"This is the house of God and the gate of Heaven." How truly are these words applicable to a Catholic church wherein the Son of God daily offers Himself to the Eternal Father and wherein He has chosen to dwell under the Sacramental species. Is it any wonder that the day which marks the completion of such a church is a festive one for those Catholics whose love and generosity has made such a church possible. Now it is true that in regard to Sacred Heart Church, the mass of the building was erected in 1929 and has been in use since that time but it was only completely finished recently when the beautiful new altars were installed. Thus today the parish rejoices and offers to their God this token of their love.

Sacred Heart Church, from an architectural standpoint, is a remarkable example of modern Romanesque. It retains the best features of the classic form while adapting it to modern needs and tastes. Massiveness and strength, simplicity and perfect proportion are really the keynotes of the design, characterizing the structure both without and within. This effect was attained not only as the natural result of choosing Romanesque as the basic idea but equally with it by the judicious use of brick and cut stone as the medium of expression. The completed structure is an object lesson of what a happy union can be effected between old structural forms and modern structural methods. Mr. Arthur DesRosiers, the architect, is to be highly commended. He has produced a splendid example of modern church architecture. However, from another standpoint, Sacred Heart Church commands even more attention. It is an outstanding example of "Catholic churchliness" and in this respect is a departure from many American church buildings. This will need a bit of explaining.

The heart of the parish, the source of its life and the center of its devotions is not the church. It is the altar. The church, from a Catholic standpoint, is nothing more nor less than a shelter for the altar. The altar is everything, the church is its auxilliary. The ideal Catholic church then is one which fulfills this purpose of sheltering the altar most gracefully. Now keeping this in mind we can readily see why much criticism has recently been leveled against many Catholic churches in America. Many builders forgot entirely the proportionate dignity of the church and altar with the result that they erected beautiful church buildings, replete with admirable artistic adornment, but in which the altar appeared as an after-thought, lost amidst so many other things to attract the attention. Happily, Sacred Heart Church escaped such unfortunate planning. Of quiet and simple dignity, its interior creates an atmosphere of beauty and devotion superior to the more elaborate church but more important still, it fairly shouts out the purpose for which it exists. There is no drawing attention to itself for there is nothing in it, save one thing, striking enough to attract attention. The one thing that stands out, attracts attention and holds it is the one thing worthy of attention in church—the altar upon which the Holy Sacrifice is daily offered and upon which Christ lives in the tabernacle.

This focal point, the altar, is itself of radical design. Constructed of Verona marble, it conforms quite accurately to liturgical requirements. It rests upon a platform of Russe marble which, by contrast, lends emphasis to the altar proper. The whole is surmounted by an oak ciborium, giving the dignity demanded by the throne of the Most High and signifying the royal character of the One it shelters. Platform, altar, ciborium, all blend beautifully with the rest of the structure causing one to exclaim: "This truly is the House of God and the Gate of Heaven." Here is a worthy temple of Almighty God.

Sacred Heart Church is different but its singularity is something to be proud of. It proves beyond question the eminent superiority of even the artistic effect to be attained by keeping in mind a right appreciation of values.

Former Assistants



FR. HERATY



FR. FELDPAUSCH



DR. DE BARRY
PREACHER AT DEDICATION

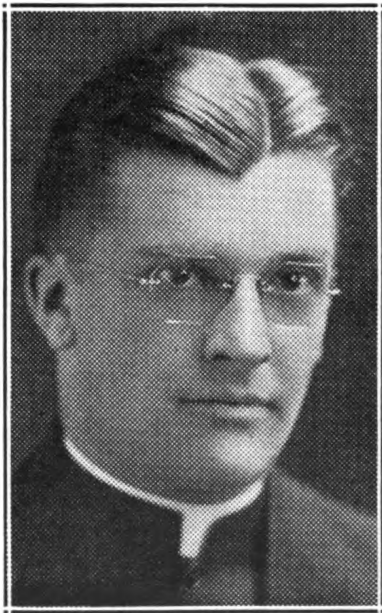


FR. LAWTON

Dedication

We came now to the close of this chronicle of a hundred years. Great have been the labors of those years, heroic the sacrifices, boundless the love. Today, October 31, 1937, the feast of Christ, the King, the work of those hundred years was offered to Almighty God and the beautiful church, so recently completed, was solemnly dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Archbishop Edward Mooney presided at the dedication ceremony and was present in the sanctuary for the Solemn High Mass that followed. Father Arthur Reckinger, an alumnus of Sacred Heart School, offered the Holy Sacrifice. He was assisted by Rev. John G. Cook as Assistant Priest; Rev. G. Warren Peek, as Deacon; and Rev. Francis L. Sharpe, as Sub-deacon. The Rev. Theodore C. Lindemann and Rev. John R. Hackett were Deacons of Honor to the Archbishop. The other ministers of the ceremony were: Book Bearer, Rev. Terrence Kelly; Candle Bearer, Rev. Frank J. McQuillan; Mitre Bearer, Rev. V. Anuszkiewicz; Crosier Bearer, Rev. William P. Schulte; Masters of Ceremony, Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Murphy, D.D., L.L.D. and Rev. John Donovan; Thurifer, Rev. Ernest C. De Puydt; Acholytes, Rev. Leo Chapman and Rev. Leo A. Huver; Cross Bearer, Rev. George B. McDace. The Chanters for the dedication ceremony were: Rev. Charles A. Ulenberg and Rev. Emmanuel J. Glemet. Rev. Dr. Leo DeBarry, Professor of Sacred Heart Seminary and a former assistant at Sacred Heart Parish, preached the sermon. After mass a dinner was served by the ladies of the parish to the many guests who attended the ceremony. On Monday evening, November 1, a special program was presented, commemorating the hundreth anniversary of the parish. On Tuesday, November 2, All Souls' Day, a Solemn High Mass was offered for the souls of all parishioners who have gone to God. Thus does the first chapter in the history of Sacred Heart parish close as it began, with the Eternal Sacrifice of the Savior. May succeeding chapters be as full of good for souls as the one just finished. May Christ, the King, continue to rule over us and may He be pleased to bless us and draw us ever closer to His Sacred Heart.

Present Assistants



FR. FEDEWA



FR. HURLEY



THE HOUSE OF GOD

Gifts

- THE MAIN ALTAR—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fellrath and Jerome, Miss Emma Wiedoff.
- THE SANCTUARY LAMPS — Mrs. Thomas Vanden Bosch and Mrs. John Ciskowski.
- LARGE CANDLE-STICKS ON MAIN ALTAR—Mrs. Anna G. Wagner and Family.
- SMALL CANDLE-STICKS ON MAIN ALTAR—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hettel.
- CRUCIFIX FOR MAIN ALTAR—Anna Marchewitz.
- SCAMNUM (BENCH)—Thomas Bodary. Given in memory of Father O'Byrne.
- CREDENCE TABLE AND TORCHES — The Daniel Rae Family, in memory of their parents.
- CHALICE—Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Drewinski.
- MISSAL—Mrs. J. McManus.
- VASES FOR MAIN ALTAR—Given in memory of Henry A. Bossence by Olive Bossence.
- SUBSTANTIAL DONATION TOWARD ORGAN—Mr. and Mrs. Michael Crowley.
- ALTAR CARDS—Given in memory of Michael and Catherine Powers by their children: Mrs. Cecil Smith, Mrs. Winifred Goebel, Mrs. Mae Schloff, Mrs. Florence Bodary, Miss Stella Powers and George Powers.
- ALTAR CHIMES—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pugh and Family.
- STATUE OF OUR LADY—Young Ladies' Sodality.
- STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH—Mrs. Peter Knodt.
- STATUE OF ST. THERESA—Ann Kaiser
- SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP—Mrs. Edward Stinson.
- DRAPES FOR SHRINE OF ST. THERESA—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reckinger.
- BAPTISMAL FONT—Mr. and Mrs. Irving Helner and Family.
- TABERNACLE—Mrs. Clara Fellerath
- ALTAR STONES—Miss Virginia Gansen

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| MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM M. KORTE | MR. AND MRS. CHAS. BILLIG |
| ANNA AND AGNES MAGOONA | MR. AND MRS. THEO. KIRK AND GRACE |
| MR. FRANK CORRIGAN | MISS CHRISTINE RAE |
| MRS. MARGARET WUENSCH | MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH MARCHEWITZ |
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| MISS STELLA POWERS | MR. JOHN T. NAVARRE AND FAMILY |
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| MARY E. KORTE | KITTY AND SHEVAWN CALNAN |
| ANGELA KORTE | MR. AND MRS. W. J. NEVILLE |
| MR. AND MRS. JOHN CORCORAN | MR. AND MRS. R. M. HUGHES |
| ANNA STEFFES | MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE ZIMBA |
| MRS. MARY GANSEN | JAMES GUINAN AND FAMILY |
| MR. AND MRS. JOHN SCHWINK | J. E. GREENE AND FAMILY |
| MR. AND MRS. C. P. BUCKENBURGER | MISS ANNA KAISER |
| CHARLES AND JOHN BUCKENBURGER | MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH RECKINGER |
| MARIE BEAUREGARD | MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL ESER |
| JOSEPH FLAISHANS | JOSEPH KLAUKE |
| MR. AND MRS. JOHN FUHRMAN | MR. AND MRS. FRANK ALEXSY |
| MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH WALDECKER | MR. AND MRS. S. W. ADAMS |
| THE WALTER WALDECKER CHILDREN | HERBERT YAGLE AND ROBERT YORK |
| MR. AND MRS. A. DeCALUWE | WILLIAM FABER AND FAMILY |
| CLARENCE GEBAUER | PETER WALDECKER |
| LUCY GEBAUER | MR. AND MRS. OTTO LEICHT AND FAMILY |
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| | ROSE DINGEMAN |

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MR. AND MRS. BERT NELSON

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MISS OLIVE BOSSENCE
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FAMILY
JERRY CROWLEY
THE JOSEPH F. ESER FAMILY

Credit To Whom Credit Is Due

During the depression the financial status of the parish received a tremendous set-back. Real cooperation from the parishioners, however, has once again enabled the parish to become self-sustaining. Fund-raising campaigns, during the past four years, have netted the parish close to \$28,000. The men who were chairmen of these campaigns deserve special thanks. They are: Messers. Frank Kirk, Clarence Daly, and John Faber.

'The Ladies' Tabernacle Society is a group whose work is often overlooked. These generous ladies have taken special pride in helping to outfit the children for the happiest occasion of their lives—their first Communion Day. They have also made surplices for the altar-boys.

Finally, a word about the men who have assisted in making arrangements for the Centennial Celebration. The list is almost a "Who's Who" of active parishioners. General Chairman: A. G. VanLozen; Committee: Francis Fellrath, James Guinan, Stephen Giltinan, Peter Grimes, Walter Moore, Frank Alexsy; Helpers: Edward Flum, Joseph Esper, Charles Buckenberger, Joseph Klauke, George Elwart, Henry Esper, Edward Frank, George Barkley, James Bodary, Clifford Hettel, Harold Jackson, Murray McFarland, Thomas Carey, Dennis O'Brien, Lester White, Herbert Yagle, Frank Kirk, Francis Byrne, James Ryan, Michael Esper, Walter Reckinger, William Korte, Peter Waldecker, John Calnan, Joseph Reckinger, Joseph Assenmacher.

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